

**Abstract**

A front end loader is provided according to the invention. The front end loader includes a forward bracket assembly and a rear bracket assembly, a tower that attaches to the rear bracket assembly, and a tower subframe that attaches to the forward bracket assembly. The tower has a first tower end and a second tower end. The second tower end includes a shoe area for attaching to a shoe-receiving region provided on the first bracket assembly. The tower subframe has a first tower subframe end and a second tower subframe end. The first tower subframe end is attached to the tower, and the second tower subframe end is constructed for attachment to the second bracket assembly.

5 A spring can be provided as part of the rear bracket assembly to reduce rattling between the tower and the rear bracket assembly. The rear bracket assembly can be referred to as the first bracket assembly, and the forward bracket assembly can be referred to as the second bracket assembly. A tractor and a method for attaching a front end load to a tractor are provided.

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